

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) Requirements for Daycares and Preschools Questions & Answers

1. Is PCV required for preschool/daycare?

Yes, PCV was added to the preschool/daycare requirements effective 7/4/05.

2. What is the recommended schedule for PCV?

PCV is recommended at 2, 4, 6, and 12-15 months of age.

3. Many of the children in my daycare/preschool are behind on doses of PCV. Why is this?

In 2004, there was a national shortage of PCV; therefore, many children did not receive 4 doses of vaccine and will need to "catch-up."

4. What if a child missed 1 or more doses? Do they still need 4 doses?

Not necessarily. The number of doses a child needs to catch-up is determined by the current age of the child and the number of doses received previously.

Use the table below as guide:

Age child is today:	Number of previous doses:	To catch-up child needs:
7-11 Months	0 doses	3 doses
	1 or 2 doses	2 doses
12-23 Months	0 doses	2 doses
	1 dose before age 12 months	2 doses
	2 doses before age 12 months	1 dose
24-59 Months	0 doses	1 dose
	1, 2, or 3 doses before 12 months	1 dose
	1 dose given between 12-23 months	1 dose
	2 doses given after 12 months	No further dose(s) needed
	1 dose after 24 months	No further dose(s) needed

Note: The minimum interval between doses given **before** 12 months of age is 4 weeks. The minimum interval between doses given **after** 12 months of age is 8 weeks.

5. Should I exclude children from daycare/preschool if they are not up-to-date with PCV requirements?

No. If your school has access to KIDSNET check here first for any previous doses received. If you do not have access to KIDSNET check with the parent/guardian to be sure you have a complete record of immunizations, which includes PCV. Regardless of the shortage, most children will have received at least 1 dose.

6. My daycare/preschool health form does not include PCV as an immunization requirement. Does the Department of Health have a health form I can use?

Yes. The state school health form is available at:

www.health.ri.gov/topics/schoolphysicalform.php, or by calling the Family Health Information Line at 1-800-942-7434.

7. Who can I contact if I have more questions about the new PCV requirement?

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